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For: Wet-Laid Nonwoven Web From Unpulped Natural

Fibers And Composite Containing Same

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

	Transmitted herewith is a RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION in the above-identified application A Small Entity Statement Was Previously Submitted In This Application. A Small Entity Statement Is Enclosed. A Filing Fee For Extra Claims Does Not Appear Required. A Filing Fee For Extra Claims Is Calculated Below:				
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Total		20	0	x \$ 9 = \$	x \$18 = \$
Indep	endent	3	0	x \$ 40 \$	x \$80 = \$
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